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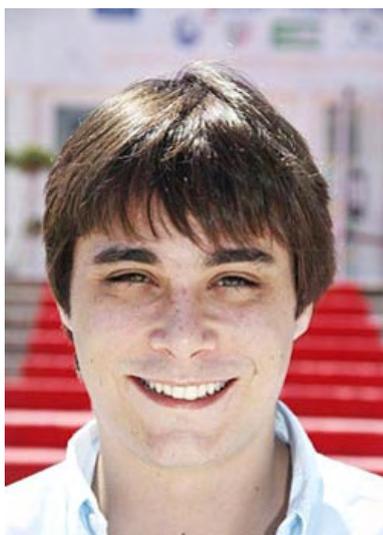
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THE IBPA PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR Thomas Bessis of France



The personality of the year award is at the discretion of the IBPA executive committee. In the past few years the award has sometimes gone to players, sometimes to organizers, and sometimes to people who have contributed to the good of the game.

This year we have selected as our candidate a player who has excelled in the junior game, the open game, as a coach and captain, and who has also proved himself as a journalist.

Thomas Bessis came to fame as a player with his brother Olivier, but he has also played successfully with his mother Véronique, he has had huge success

with his father Michel, (including this year's Vanderbilt Trophy) and has coached and captained the French women's team. He won the Junior European Championship last year as well as many other junior titles.

Additionally he has won an IBPA award for best played hand by a junior, and has proved himself to be popular, well-mannered and generous. He is a true Renaissance man.

Thomas Bessis' recent wins include:

- 3rd EUROPEAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS, Antalya 2007 - Open Teams
- 38th WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS, Shanghai 2007 - Transnational Teams
- 9th EUROPEAN YOUTH PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS, Wroclaw 2008 - Junior Pairs
- 49th EUROPEAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS, Pau 2008 – Women's Teams (Coach of FRANCE)
- 22nd EUROPEAN YOUTH TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS, Brasov 2009 - Junior Teams
- 2010 SPRING NABC, Reno - Vanderbilt Teams
- 2010 CAVENDISH INVITATIONAL, Las Vegas - John Roberts Teams
- 50th EUROPEAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS, Pau 2010 – Women's Teams (Coach of FRANCE)

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2. Nick NICKELL-Ralph KATZ, Bob HAMMAN-Zia MAHMOOD, Jeff MECKSTROTH-Eric RODWELL (USA-PAK)
3. Pierre ZIMMERMANN-Franck MULTON, Tor HELNESS-Geir HELGEMO, Claudio NUNES-Fulvio FANTONI (SWI-FRA-NOR-ITA)

McConnell Women's Teams

1. FENG Xuefeng-SUN Yanhui, GU Ling-LU Yan, SUN Ming-WANG Hongli (CHN)
2. Carla ARNOLDS-Bep VRIEND, Jet PASMANN-Anneke SIMONS, Martine VERBEEK-Wietske Van ZWOL (NED)
3. Phyllis FIREMAN-Shannon CAPPELLETTI, Cathérine d'OIDIO-Sylvie WILLARD, Victoria GROMOVA-Tatiana PONOMAREVA (USA-FRA-RUS)

Rand Senior Teams

1. Paul HACKETT, Gunnar HALLBERG, John HOLLAND, Garey HAYDEN, Reese MILNER (ENG-USA)
2. Victor MARKOWICZ-Julian KLUKOWSKI, Raold RAMER-Jerzy RUSSYAN, Shalom ZELIGMAN-Victor MELMAN (POL-NED-ISR-USA)
3. Munawar SAWIRUDDIN-Denny SACUL-Michael Bambang HARTONO, Henky LASUT-Freddy MANOPPO (INA)

World Mixed Swiss Teams

1. Jo Ann SPRUNG-Greg HINZE, Connie GOLDBERG-Daniel LAVEE, Lynn JOHANNESSEN-Dale JOHANNESSEN (USA-CAN)
2. Hansa NARASIMHAN-Eddie WOLD-Irina LEVITINA, Jill LEVIN-Bobby LEVIN (IND-RUS-USA)
3. Linda GORDON-Robb GORDON, Mike McNAMARA-Sylwia McNAMARA, Jo MORSE-Warren OBERFIELD (USA)

Generali Open Pairs

1. Bobby LEVIN-Steve WEINSTEIN (USA)
2. Björn FALLENIUS-Peter FREDIN (SWE)
3. Josef PIEKAREK-Alexander SMIRNOV (DEU)

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1. Lynn DEAS-Beth PALMER (USA)
2. Susan CULHAM-Kismet FUNG (CAN)

3. Carla ARNOLDS-Bep VRIEND (NED)

Hiron Senior Pairs

1. Rich DeMARTINO-Pat McDEVITT (USA-IRE)
2. Kyoko OHNO-Akihiko YAMADA (JPN)
3. Farid ASSEMI-Victor WOJEWODA (USA)

World Mixed Pairs

1. Donna COMPTON-Fulvio FANTONI (USA-ITA)
2. Kismet FUNG-Brian GLUBOK (CAN-USA)
3. Joan LEWIS-Robert HOPKINS (USA)

World IMP Pairs

1. Wolfe THOMPSON-Marc ZWERLING (USA)
2. João-Paulo CAMPOS-Miguel VILLAS-BOAS (BRZ)
3. Kelley HWANG-John ZILIC (USA)

Ortiz-Patiño Junior (U-26) Team Championship

1. Israel - Eliran ARGELAZI, Eran ASSARAF, Alon BIRMAN, Lotan FISHER, Bar TARNOVSKI
2. France - Thomas BESSIS, Christophe GROSSET, Nicolas l'HUISSIER, Cédric LORENZINI, Quentin ROBERT, Frédéric VOLCKER (France)
3. China - Yichao CHEN, Junjie HU, Zisu LIN, Yinghao LIU, Yinpei SHAO, Di ZHUO

Damiani Youngsters (U-21) Team Championship

1. Poland - Pawel JASSEM, Tomasz Maciej JOCHYMSKI, Wojciech KAZMIERCZAK, Mateusz MROCZKOWSKI, Adam SMIESZKOL, Piotr TUCZYNSKI
2. England - Daniel McINTOSH, Thomas PASKE, James PAUL, Thomas RAINFORTH, Graeme ROBERTSON, Shivam SHAH
3. Netherlands - Rik van LEEUWEN, Lotte LEUFKENS, Vincent NAB, Rens PHILIPSEN, Thijs VERBEEK, Ernst WACKWITZ

Rona Girls (U-26) Team Championship

1. Poland - Ewa Agnieszka GRABOWSKA, Magdalena HOLEKSA, Danuta KAZMUCHA, Natalia SAKOWSKA, Joanna TACZEWSKA, Justyna ZMUDA
2. France - Marion CANONNE, Jessie CARBONNEAUX, Claire CHAUGNY, Carole PUILLET, Aurelie THIZY
3. China - Xiufen CHANG, Xing LI, Yanjiao LIU, Wei MENG, Lulu PENG, Xingxing SHAN

World Youth Individual Championship Juniors (U-26) Youngsters (U-21)

1. Dennis BILDE (DEN) Adam GROSSACK (USA)
2. Håkon BOGEN (NOR) Kristoffer HEGGE (NOR)
3. Arthur C.T. LAU (HK) Daniel GULLBERG (SWE)

THE WORLD BRIDGE SERIES

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OCTOBER 2-16, 2010

Phillip Alder, Hobe Sound, FL

Brian Senior, Nottingham, UK

Barnet Shenkin, Boca Raton, FL

Brent Manley, Memphis, TN

Mark Horton, Bath, UK

David Stern, Sydney

Jan van Cleeff, Amsterdam

John Carruthers, Toronto

The events are presented in roughly chronological order.

WORLD MIXED PAIRS

Three qualifying sessions led to a final of three sessions, with no carry-forward, all over three days.

Just One More Trick - Phillip Alder

The fourth-place finishers in the Mixed Pairs, Robin Taylor and Alan Sontag, were only 11.7 matchpoints behind third. Probably any extra trick would have moved them into the bronze-medal position.

Sontag is known as a lightning fast, accurate dummy player. Taylor showed that 30 years of living with Sontag have rubbed off in this deal from the second qualifying session.

Dealer North. NS Vul.

<p>♠ 10 ♥ K 8 3 2 ♦ Q 8 5 4 ♣ 10 8 7 6</p> <p>♠ J 9 3 ♥ A J 7 5 4 ♦ A 9 ♣ 9 4 2</p> <p>♠ A K Q 7 ♥ Q 6 ♦ J 10 7 6 ♣ K J 3</p>	<p>♠ 8 6 5 4 2 ♥ 10 9 ♦ K 3 2 ♣ A Q 5</p>
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West	North	East	South
—	Sontag	—	Taylor
Pass	Pass	Pass	INT

Seven tricks would not be hard. The battle was for the overtrick.

West led her fourth-highest heart, taken by declarer's queen. Taylor played her jack of diamonds, West winning with her ace and leading a second heart, ducked to East's ten. East shifted to a spade. South won and played the ten of diamonds, which East ducked to deny declarer a dummy entry. East took the third diamond and led

another spade. South won and crossed to dummy with a diamond to give this position:

<p>♠ — ♥ K 8 ♦ — ♣ 10 8 7</p> <p>♠ J ♥ A J ♦ — ♣ 9 4</p> <p>♠ Q 7 ♥ — ♦ — ♣ K J 3</p>	<p>♠ 8 5 ♥ — ♦ — ♣ A Q 5</p>
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Declarer called for the ten of clubs. If East had ducked, South would have run the club, then played another club. So East won with his ace and led a third spade, Taylor won with her queen and exited with the spade seven to endplay East to lead away from the club queen. Plus 120 was worth 311.5 matchpoints out of 414, 152.7 more than plus 90.

So Near And Yet... Phillip Alder

Kismet Fung from Edmonton, Alberta, and Brian Glubok of Manhattan were second in the Mixed Pairs. They were so close to winning, leading into the last round, but Donna Compton and Fulvio Fantoni scored 259 matchpoints out of 308 on that round to win by 104.7 matchpoints.

Glubok read the play perfectly in this deal from the first session of the final.

Board 23. Dealer East. Both Vul.

<p>♠ A Q 4 ♥ A 2 ♦ J 10 7 5 4 3 ♣ K 9</p> <p>♠ J 6 5 2 ♥ J 10 ♦ A 9 8 6 2 ♣ 10 8</p> <p>♠ K 9 8 7 ♥ Q 8 5 ♦ K Q ♣ J 6 3 2</p>	<p>♠ 10 3 ♥ K 9 7 6 4 3 ♦ — ♣ A Q 7 5 4</p>
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West	North	East	South
—	Fung	—	Glubok
Pass	3♦	2♥ ¹	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	3NT

1. At least 5-5 in hearts and a minor

West led the jack of hearts, ducked to East's king; he returned a heart. South took the next two tricks with his diamond honours, played a spade to dummy's queen, and knocked out the ace of diamonds to give this position:

♠ A 4
 ♥ —
 ♦ 10 7 5
 ♣ K 9
 ♠ J 6 5
 ♥ —
 ♦ 9 8
 ♣ 10 8
 ♠ 10
 ♥ 9 7 6 4
 ♦ —
 ♣ A Q
 ♠ K 9 7
 ♥ Q
 ♦ —
 ♣ J 6 2

What should West have done now?

She made the natural-looking play, shifting to a club in answer to East's encouraging discard in that suit. However, after East won with his club queen and knocked out the heart queen, West was forced to part with her remaining club. Then Glubok played a spade to dummy's ace, cashed the ten of diamonds, discarding a club, and ended play West with a diamond.

At trick 12 West had to lead away from the jack-six of spades into South's king-nine. Plus 600 was worth 127 matchpoints out of 154.

In the above position, West had to lead either a diamond or a low spade to break up the timing. Rather extraordinary.

ROSENBLUM KNOCKOUT TEAMS

Sixteen groups of nine or ten teams played a three-day round robin to produce four teams each for knockout play. Seeding was based on WBF masterpoints and qualifying play.

Round 3 – Everyone's Favourite Contract - Brian Senior

Board 10. Dealer East. Both Vul.

♠ Q 10 8 3 2
 ♥ J 10 9
 ♦ 9 3 2
 ♣ 4 3
 ♠ K J 4
 ♥ K Q 5
 ♦ K Q 8 7 6
 ♣ K 9
 ♠ 7 6
 ♥ 7 6 4 2
 ♦ J 4
 ♣ A Q 10 6 2
 ♠ A 9 5
 ♥ A 8 3
 ♦ A 10 5
 ♣ J 8 7 5

West	North	East	South
Wang	Senior	Zhou	Kendrick
—	—	Pass	1♣
1NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Our style is to open the higher of two four-card suits except with both majors, so a one-club opening is five

unless 3=3=3=4 or three-suited. So, the opening lead was a club to declarer's nine. Xiajing Wang played a diamond to the jack and ace and Kendrick returned a club, forcing declarer to make an early commitment. Wang overtook with the ace and cashed the queen, pitching a spade from hand, then led a heart to the king - jack from North.

Four rounds of diamonds squeezed Kendrick down to four cards and there was no combination he could select that gave him a better chance than giving declarer a spade guess. He actually bared the ace of hearts. Wang exited with his low heart to the bare ace and threw the heart queen when the jack of clubs was cashed. On the low spade switch he rose with the king and had nine tricks.

To defeat the contract, South has to switch to a low spade when in with the ace of diamonds. If declarer plays the king the defence has the communications to take five tricks when declarer plays a heart. If he puts in the jack, that loses to the queen and now North can switch back to clubs. If declarer now crashes the club king under the ace and cashes the queen, he establishes five defensive winners, while if he does not take the third club trick he does not have nine winners.

Curiously, an initial spade lead, which at first sight looks good for the defence, does not work. South wins and returns a spade, ducked to the queen. North can see that there is no point in clearing the spades, so switches to a club. Declarer wins the king rather than the nine, so that South can never lead a second club. He will therefore clear spades after winning the ace of diamonds. Finding two discards on the long diamonds will prove too much for South and declarer will have no problem in coming to nine tricks.

Round 7 – Slugfest - Phillip Alder

The two teams at the top of Group C faced each other in the first match on Thursday: Cayne (Seamon, Balicki, Zmudzinski, Lauria and Versace) against Auken (Sveindal, Shenkin, Van Cleeff). The first deal featured nice declarer-play at both tables.

Board 1. Dealer North. Neither Vul.

♠ 5
 ♥ 7 4 2
 ♦ Q J 10 6 3
 ♣ K 9 5 2
 ♠ A J 10 7 2
 ♥ K 9
 ♦ A 8 2
 ♣ 10 6 3
 ♠ 9 4 3
 ♥ A Q 6
 ♦ 9 7 5
 ♣ A Q 7 4
 ♠ K Q 8 6
 ♥ J 10 8 5 3
 ♦ K 4
 ♣ J 8

West	North	East	South
Auken	Balicki	Sveindal	Zmudzinski
—	Pass	1♣	1♥
1♠	2♥	2♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
West	North	East	South
Versace	van Cleeff	Lauria	Shenkin
—	Pass	1♣	1♥
Double ¹	2♥	Pass	Pass
Double	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

1. Four-plus spades

Against four spades, Cezary Balicki led the queen of diamonds. Adam Zmudzinski overtook with his king and returned the diamond four when declarer ducked. Jens Auken won the second diamond with his ace and cashed his three heart tricks to shake the diamond loser. After a spade to the jack held, West continued with a low spade to the nine and queen. South returned a heart. We can see that declarer can ruff in his hand, play a club to the queen and cruise home. But Auken spotted a line that would work even if South had the king of clubs.

Declarer discarded a club from his hand and ruffed in the dummy. Then he cashed the club ace and continued with dummy's nine of diamonds. If South ruffed, declarer would overruff, draw the last trump and claim. If South discarded, declarer would ruff low and exit with his last club. South's trumps would be caught in a coup.

Lorenzo Lauria was in three no trump. Barnet Shenkin led a heart. Declarer won with his queen and played a spade to dummy's jack. When that held, East unblocked the king of hearts and led a spade to his nine. South took his queen and shifted to the king of diamonds. Declarer ducked this trick, took the next with the ace, played a club to his queen, and cashed the ace of hearts to reach this position:

	♠ —	
	♥ —	
	♦ J 10	
	♣ K 9 5	
♠ A 10 7		♠ 4
♥ —		♥ —
♦ 8		♦ 9
♣ 10		♣ A 7 4
	♠ K 8	
	♥ J 10	
	♦ —	
	♣ J	

Three rounds of spades squeezed North in the minors. Minus 420 and plus 460 gave Cayne 1 IMP on the board.

Round 7 – Son of Slugfest – Barnet Shenkin

In the seventh round, we played the formidable Cayne team. We (van Cleeff-Shenkin) played Lauria and Versace while Jens Auken and Jon Sveindal played Balicki-Zmudzinski. After seven boards our team trailed 27-0. Then we started a comeback with the following deal.

Board 8. Dealer West. Neither Vul.

	♠ J 6 4	
	♥ K 10 5	
	♦ K 3 2	
	♣ A 6 3 2	
♠ Q 5		♠ A K 9 8
♥ A Q J 7 4 3		♥ 2
♦ 7 5 4		♦ A Q 6
♣ 10 9		♣ K J 8 7 5
	♠ 10 7 3 2	
	♥ 9 8 6	
	♦ J 10 9 8	
	♣ Q 4	

West	North	East	South
Versace	van Cleeff	Lauria	Shenkin
2♥	Pass	2NT ¹	Pass
3♦ ²	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

1. Relay

2. Two of the top three honours

As East had shown a strong hand, Van Cleeff found a reasoned lead of the club two. Without X-ray vision, Versace misguessed and the club queen won the first trick. A club went to the ace, and another club was ruffed with the heart eight. Versace overruffed and crossed to a spade, to lead a heart to the queen. North won this and produced a fourth club ruffed with the heart nine. Now North had two more trump tricks, with the ten and the lowly trump 5. In the other room, Auken/Sveindal bid and made three no trump for a gain of 11 IMPs.

The comeback that started with this board helped Auken to win the match 41-30.

Round 7 – Grandson of Slugfest – Phillip Alder

Board 14. Dealer East. Neither Vul.

	♠ Q 7 5	
	♥ Q 8 2	
	♦ K 9 8 7 5	
	♣ 10 8	
♠ K 9 8		♠ 10 3 2
♥ K J 4		♥ 7
♦ A Q 2		♦ 6 4 3
♣ K 9 7 4		♣ A Q J 6 5 2
	♠ A J 6 4	
	♥ A 10 9 6 5 3	
	♦ J 10	
	♣ 3	

West	North	East	South
Auken	Balicki	Sveindal	Zmudzinski
—	—	Pass	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♠ ¹	Pass
2NT ²	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		
1. Clubs			
2. I like clubs			

West	North	East	South
Versace	van Cleeff	Lauria	Shenkin
—	—	Pass	2♦ ¹
2NT	3♥ ²	3NT	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
1. Weak two in either major			
2. Pass-or-correct			

Shenkin judged well to bid four hearts. Lauria led his trump, and van Cleeff lost one trick in each suit for down one.

Zmudzinski could not open with a weak two-bid, so the Scandinavians had an uncontested auction. Against three no trump, North led a diamond, which ran to declarer's queen. West, who now had eight top tricks, took two rounds of clubs, then played a heart to his jack. Unlucky - North won with the queen and persevered with the diamond king, ducked, and another diamond. Now declarer had to assume South had both major-suit aces. West ran the clubs to give this position:

	♠ Q 5	
	♥ 2	
	♦ 8	
	♣ —	
♠ K 9		♠ 10 3 2
♥ K 4		♥ —
♦ —		♦ —
♣ —		♣ 6
	♠ A J	
	♥ A 6	
	♦ —	
	♣ —	

When declarer led dummy's last club, he waited for South to commit himself. In practice, Zmudzinski threw the jack of spades, so Auken pitched his spade nine. On the spade lead from the dummy, took the ace, and then cashed the ace of hearts, but declarer took his ninth trick with the heart king at the end. Minus 50 and plus 400 gave Auken 8 IMPs.

Round 8 - Smoke And Mirrors - Brent Manley

This deal was played in round eight of the Rosenblum qualifying stage, and Fredrik Nyström was excited about his teammates' defensive effort against a team from Chile.

Board 21. Dealer North. NS Vul.			
		♠ 10 7 2	
		♥ A 8 2	
		♦ 10 7 6 2	
		♣ 10 3 2	
♠ A 9 3			♠ K J 8 5 4
♥ K 3			♥ Q 9 7
♦ A K 5			♦ Q 9 8 3
♣ K 8 7 5 4			♣ 9
		♠ Q 6	
		♥ J 10 6 5 4	
		♦ J 4	
		♣ A Q J 6	

At one table, West for the Peter Fredin team played four spades on a trump lead, easily wrapping up 10 tricks for plus 420.

At the other table, West was also declarer in the same contract, but he had to deal with a much more challenging defence by Fredin, North, and Björn Fallenius. Fredin started with a low heart: two, seven, ten, king. Declarer fired a heart right back, and Fredin smoothly played his eight. Declarer inserted the nine, losing to the jack. The deception continued with Fallenius putting the queen of clubs on the table, ducked by declarer.

A third round of hearts was ruffed by declarer, who then played the ace of spades and a spade to the jack. Fallenius won and played a fourth round of hearts. Fredin didn't want to give away the show by discarding a club, so he ruffed with the ten, overruffed in dummy. On dummy's last spade, Ferdin discarded the club ten.

Declarer now played a diamond to his ace and ruffed a club. On the second round of diamonds, Fallenius played the jack, won by declarer's king. Declarer now had a finessing position against Fredin's ten-seven of diamonds, but he was convinced that North's last two cards were a low diamond and the club ace. Accordingly, he played a diamond from hand and went up with dummy's queen. One can only imagine declarer's chagrin at having been bamboozled so thoroughly.

The nifty defence gave the Fredin team a 10-IMP gain in a narrow loss to the South Americans. Fredin went on to qualify, but their opponent narrowly missed the cut.

Round 9 - The Card To Be Named Later - Mark Horton

The concept of the player to be named later is most often associated with Major League Baseball and Minor League Baseball trades. The player to be named later is generally used to postpone a trade's final conditions or terms. This is often done for two reasons. First, the team receiving the PTBNL might not be certain which position they want to fill, so this type of deal gives them more time to decide. Second, this type of arrangement gives the team receiving the PTBNL more time to

evaluate the available talent on the other team. The deal must close within six months of the conclusion of the rest of the trade, and the player must change leagues.

In one famous case, after Harry Chiti was traded to the 1962 New York Mets from the Cleveland Indians for a PTBNL and the teams could not agree on a final deal, the Mets traded him back to Cleveland for himself!

In the movie Bull Durham, Kevin Costner's character, the oft-traded Crash Davis, introduces himself to his new manager as, "I'm the player to be named later."

Try your declarer play skills on this deal from Round 9 of the Rosenblum.

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

♠ 7
 ♥ K J 10 8 2
 ♦ A 9 6 2
 ♣ A 7 5

♠ K J 5 4
 ♥ A 7 6 5
 ♦ K 8 4
 ♣ 9 8

After a one-spade opening bid by West North ends in four hearts. When East leads the ten of spades it looks right to cover the ten of spades with the jack. West wins and switches to a low club, ducked to East, who wins with the ten and returns a club for the queen and ace. Declarer wins and leads a trump to the ace, felling West's queen.

It looks as if West is something like 6=1=2=4, or perhaps 6=1=3=3; drawing trumps will leave you a trick short, but if you duck a diamond you can arrange a ruff in each minor if necessary. However, when declarer ducked a diamond, disaster ensued, as this was the full deal:

♠ 7
 ♥ K J 10 8 2
 ♦ A 9 6 2
 ♣ A 7 5

♠ A Q 9 8 6 3
 ♥ Q 9
 ♦ Q 5 3
 ♣ Q 4

♠ 10 2
 ♥ 4 3
 ♦ J 10 7
 ♣ K J 10 6 3 2

♠ K J 5 4
 ♥ A 7 6 5
 ♦ K 8 4
 ♣ 9 8

East won with the ten of diamonds and a third club allowed West to score the nine of hearts. Had West routinely followed with the nine of hearts on the first round of the suit, the queen of hearts (the card to be named later) would have had no role to play.

Round 9 - Suicide Is Not Painless - David Stern

The theme from the movie and later hit TV show MASH suggests that "suicide is painless". However, in bridge this is certainly not the case, as evidenced on board 15 in the last round of the Rosenblum qualifying.

Dealer West. NS Vul.

♠ K J 10 7 6 4 3
 ♥ K Q
 ♦ J 9
 ♣ 5 2

♠ 5
 ♥ 2
 ♦ 10 8 7 5 2
 ♣ K Q J 8 6 3

♠ A 9 8
 ♥ A J 10 8 6 5
 ♦ K Q 4
 ♣ 9

♠ Q 2
 ♥ 9 7 4 3
 ♦ A 6 3
 ♣ A 10 7 4

West	North	East	South
Leibowitz	Bilde	Dyke	Hansen
3♣	3♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Double	Pass
Pass	4♠	Double	Pass
Pass	Pass		

East's actions were action-seeking, hoping the opponents would run from a cold three no trump to a shaky four spades. As you will shortly see, there was action aplenty! Keen observers will note that ace of hearts and a heart ruff will quickly sink this contract, however, East, Kieran Dyke of Australia, not unreasonably led partner's suit, the nine of clubs, where a ruff certainly seemed possible, especially given his control of the trump suit.

Declarer won the ace of clubs and started on the trump suit East winning the ace. Correctly, or as it later turns out, incorrectly, assessing that two rounds of hearts could cost only if partner held the bare heart queen and no second trump while it would in fact pay off on the actual layout if West held a second trump, East played the ace and another heart. It was very hard this early to realise just how fatal this play would be.

Declarer won the second heart and cashed all his trumps reaching the following ending.

♠ —
 ♥ —
 ♦ J 9
 ♣ 5

♠ —
 ♥ 10
 ♦ K Q
 ♣ —

♠ —
 ♥ 9
 ♦ A 6
 ♣ —

West quite reasonably defended on the basis that as long as she kept equal club length with dummy the defence would prevail. Wrong! Declarer, fully appreciating the exact layout, exited with his second club to West, squeezing East between diamonds and hearts and guessing correctly when West exited with a low diamond - making four spades doubled for plus 790, gaining 14 IMPs when his teammates were allowed to play in four clubs making plus 130 at the other table.

KO Round of 32 - Burn One, Get Two Back - Brian Senior

Some went down, others were given their contract by a favourable lead, but Tarek Sadek found the way to bring home his no trump game on this deal from the third session of the Rosenblum Round of 32.

Board 1. Dealer North. Neither Vul.

<p>♠ 10 8 3 ♥ Q 9 ♦ A K 9 4 ♣ A 9 8 5</p> <p>♠ K Q 7 ♥ 8 4 ♦ Q J 10 8 5 ♣ K Q 7</p> <p>♠ 9 6 4 ♥ J 7 5 3 ♦ 6 3 2 ♣ J 10 3</p>	<p>♠ A J 5 2 ♥ A K 10 6 2 ♦ 7 ♣ 6 4 2</p>
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West	North	East	South
Sadek		el-Ahmady	
—	1♦	1♥	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Walid el-Ahmady overcalled with the East cards and the Egyptians drove to game. North led the five of clubs to the ten and king. How did Sadek find his way home?

He led the queen of diamonds to the king and North led a spade. Sadek won in hand and continued with the jack of diamonds. Again North won and played a spade. Cashing all the major-suit winners would leave declarer forced to lead a club towards his hand, leading to defeat. Instead, he won the second spade with the jack, cashed the ace and king of hearts and led the low spade to his king, stranding the ace in dummy. Now he played ten and another diamond. North won the nine of diamonds but then had to lead clubs, putting Sadek in hand to cash the long diamond; nine tricks for plus 400. By burning one spade trick, Sadek got two back - a diamond and a club - making the lost spade a good investment.

KO Round of 32 - Wolfson v Apteker - The Expert's Expert - Jan van Cleeff

In pop music and in the world of rock'n'roll, musicians sometimes reach larger than life status. The Beatles,

Rolling Stones, and Bob Dylan are examples. Other artists may achieve a different type of fame; for the connoisseur, so to speak. A group like Little Feat, for instance, is often described by their colleagues as musicians' musicians. In bridge, we have a similar situation. Everybody is familiar with the Zias, the Helgemos, and the Laurias. But amongst his peers, Michael Rosenberg is seen as the expert's expert.

Board 17. Dealer North. Neither Vul.

<p>♠ 6 ♥ A K J 8 4 2 ♦ 10 7 ♣ Q J 10 5</p> <p>♠ 7 5 4 ♥ Q 10 6 3 ♦ 8 ♣ K 8 6 4 3</p> <p>♠ A Q J 9 3 ♥ 7 ♦ A K Q 5 4 3 ♣ A</p>	<p>♠ K 10 8 2 ♥ 9 5 ♦ J 9 6 2 ♣ 9 7 2</p>
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Six diamonds is a great contract and on a good day you might even bid and make seven. In the match between Nickell and Allfrey, however, at both tables, declarer went down in six diamonds: club lead to the ace, three top diamonds, heart to the jack, two top hearts. When East ruffed the third heart with his jack, the defence still got its spade trick. Here are the names of the unfortunate declarers: Andrew Robson and Jeff Meckstroth.

Partnering an expert expert brings some obligations, as New Yorker Chris Willenken showed on the same board. He also declared six diamonds and with the same lead he managed to make the slam.

After winning the ace of clubs, Willenken continued with the ace of spades, a spade ruff, a club ruff, another spade ruff, another club ruff, the three top diamonds and the two top hearts. Any card from dummy scored the twelfth trick en passant. No finesse, no squeeze, still made. Cool.

KO Round of 16 - Gaining Ground - Phillip Alder

Board 42. Dealer East. Neither Vul.

<p>♠ 3 ♥ K 6 ♦ A Q 3 2 ♣ K J 10 7 3 2</p> <p>♠ 7 6 5 4 ♥ 8 7 5 ♦ K J 8 7 6 ♣ Q</p> <p>♠ A K 9 ♥ Q 9 4 2 ♦ 9 5 4 ♣ A 9 4</p>	<p>♠ Q J 10 8 2 ♥ A J 10 3 ♦ 10 ♣ 8 6 5</p>
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West	North	East	South
Hampson	Sementa	Greco	Duboin
—	—	Pass	1♣
1♦	2♣	Double	Pass
2♠	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♠
Pass	4NT	Pass	6♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West	North	East	South
el-Ahmady	Gitelman	Sadek	Moss
—	—	Pass	1♣
Pass	2♣ ¹	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♠ ²	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. Inverted minor-suit raise
2. Singleton (or void)

From the Diamond-Lavazza match...Brad Moss took ten tricks in three no trump after Walid el-Ahmady led a spade. There was much more at stake when the Italians left no values unshown.

Against six clubs, Geoff Hampson led the five of hearts. Declarer had eleven top tricks: two spades, one heart, two diamonds (with the finesse) and six clubs. He needed a squeeze for the twelfth winner, and there was East holding all of the key major-suit cards. If declarer had called for dummy's king of hearts, he surely would have made the slam. East would have won with his ace and returned the heart jack or the spade queen. The squeeze would have operated similarly in either case.

Duboin would have taken that trick in his hand, played a diamond to the queen, returned a club to his ace, dropping West's queen, and run winners to bring about this position:

	♠ 3	
	♥ —	
	♦ 3 2	
	♣ 3	
♠ 6		♠ Q J 10
♥ 8		♥ 10
♦ K J		♦ —
♣ —		♣ —
	♠ A K 9	
	♥ 9	
	♦ —	
	♣ —	

Dummy's last club would have squeezed East.

However, at the table, Duboin played low from the dummy at trick one and East put in the ten. Did that kill the slam?

Well, Duboin went down. He took Greco's ten with his queen, cashed the ace of clubs, and played a club to dummy's ten. Now he called for the king of hearts, but Greco won with his ace and shifted to the queen of spades, destroying the communication for the squeeze.

Duboin could have made his contract via a squeeze without the count. After winning with his queen of hearts and drawing two rounds of trumps, he had to cross to his nine of clubs, play a diamond to dummy's queen, and run winners to produce this end-position:

	♠ 3	
	♥ K	
	♦ 3 2	
	♣ 3	
♠ 6		♠ Q J 10
♥ 8		♥ A J
♦ K J		♦ —
♣ Q		♣ —
	♠ A K 9	
	♥ 9 4	
	♦ —	
	♣ —	

South needs four tricks, and the last club squeezes East. If he discards a spade, declarer throws a heart and gets three spade tricks. If East pitches the jack of hearts, declarer jettisons the spade nine and calls for dummy's king of hearts.

This board cost Lavazza 10 IMPs, but if Duboin had made the slam, his team would have gained 10 IMPs. With 14 boards to go, Diamond was ahead of Lavazza by 31 IMPs instead of 11. As we now know, because Lavazza gained only 6 IMPs in the final session, it would not have mattered ... or would it? The psychology of the players would have been different, and the bidding and play would have changed. But we will never know for sure.

Quarterfinal Knife Edge – John Carruthers

Board 52. Dealer East. Neither Vul.

	♠ K Q J 10 6	
	♥ 10 9	
	♦ 4 2	
	♣ K 6 4 3	
♠ A 8 5 3		♠ 9 7 2
♥ J 8 7 4		♥ 6 5 3 2
♦ K 9 8 6		♦ Q 5 3
♣ 10		♣ A J 5
	♠ 4	
	♥ A K Q	
	♦ A J 10 7	
	♣ Q 9 8 7 2	

West	North	East	South
Stansby	Pachtman	Martel	Ginossar
—	—	Pass	1♣ ¹
Pass	1♥ ²	Pass	2♦
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

1. Clubs or 12-14/18-19 balanced
2. Spades

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541. Dealer South. Both Vul.

<p>♠ 5 3 ♥ 8 3 ♦ A 7 6 4 2 ♣ Q 9 8 2</p> <p>♠ Q J 10 9 8 ♥ 9 6 ♦ Q 10 5 ♣ J 5 4</p>	<p>♠ A K 6 ♥ 7 5 4 ♦ 9 8 ♣ K 10 7 6 3</p>
<p>♠ 7 4 2 ♥ A K Q J 10 2 ♦ K J 3 ♣ A</p>	

West	North	East	South
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	INT	Pass	4♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West led the an obvious queen of spades and East overtook with the king and returned a trump. As there was no hope of a spade ruff, the original declarer drew trumps and took the diamond finesse, losing three spades and a diamond.

As this was only a 50% chance, declarer would have done better to rely on a 3-2 diamond break, which is a 68% chance. After winning the trump switch he should have ducked a diamond. As the cards lie, the defence would have been powerless. The best they could have done was to cash a spade and play a second trump. Declarer then draws the outstanding trumps and plays the king and ace of diamonds to discard his remaining spade loser on a good diamond.

All declarer needed to recall to make this contract was that a 3-2 break is significantly more likely to succeed than a finesse.

542. West led the queen of spades and declarer counted eight top tricks. There was little point in playing on diamonds for surely the spades were 6-3 and West was likely to have at least one of the missing diamond honours. So, declarer focused on making three heart tricks. He took the first trick with the ace of spades and led a low heart towards dummy. West rose with the jack and persisted with the jack of spades.

Dealer West. Neither Vul.

<p>♠ 6 ♥ 9 6 4 ♦ Q J 10 7 6 ♣ Q 10 7 6</p> <p>♠ Q J 10 8 4 2 ♥ J 3 ♦ A 2 ♣ 5 4 2</p>	<p>♠ 9 7 3 ♥ Q 10 7 5 ♦ K 8 4 3 ♣ 8 3</p> <p>♠ A K 5 ♥ A K 8 2 ♦ 9 5 ♣ A K J 9</p>
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West	North	East	South
2♠	Pass	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Declarer discarded a diamond from table and won the trick with the king of spades. Before the declarer committed himself to hearts, he played the ace, king and jack of clubs. After West followed three times in clubs, the chance of a 3-3 heart break had dropped from about one-in-three to one-in-four.

The chance of West beginning with one or two hearts was nearly three times more likely than a 3-3 break. If West began with two honours doubleton in hearts, playing the king of hearts and then finessing East for the remaining honour would succeed. Again this is much worse than playing West for only one heart honour and one or two hearts.

So, declarer overtook the club jack with the queen and led a low heart, intending to finesse the eight. It would not assist East to insert one of his heart honours because declarer would cross to the ten of clubs to repeat the finesse. Once West was marked with nine cards in the black suits, playing hearts in this manner offers better than a 55% chance of success.

543. When South pulled his partner's penalty double, North placed him with good spades and shortness in hearts and so bid the slam in spades when choosing clubs as the trump suit would have resulted in an easier slam to play.

Dealer South. E-W Vul.

	♠ A 10		
	♥ 7 3		
	♦ 5 4		
	♣ A K Q J 8 7 2		
♠ 2		♠ 7 5 3	
♥ A K Q J 10 9 4 2		♥ 6 5	
♦ K Q		♦ J 10 8 7 6	
♣ 10 3		♣ 6 5 4	
	♠ K Q J 9 8 6 4		
	♥ 8		
	♦ A 9 3 2		
	♣ 9		

West	North	East	South
—	1♣	Pass	1♠
4♥	5♣	Pass	5♦
5♥	Double	Pass	5♠
Pass	6♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

West led the king of hearts and shifted to a devilish ten of clubs, achieving what he hoped – to cut declarer’s direct communication with that imposing club suit. However, the declarer found a neat counter. As the auction suggested that West had at least nine tricks in his own hand, marking him with at least eight hearts, it was likely that West had at most one trump. So declarer cashed the ace of trumps and played on clubs. This left East with no answer for no matter when he chose to ruff a club declarer would overruff and return to dummy with the ten of trumps to enjoy enough clubs to dispose of his remaining diamond losers.

The chance of success in adopting this line was a little less than 50% while a 2-2 trump break was about half the chance of a 1-3 trump break.

544. Dealer North. E-W Vul.

	♠ K 6 4 3		
	♥ A Q J 5		
	♦ A 5 4		
	♣ K Q		
♠ Q 9 8		♠ 10 2	
♥ 9 8 3		♥ 10 6 4	
♦ K Q J 8		♦ 10 6 3 2	
♣ 10 9 3		♣ J 8 6 2	
	♠ A J 7 5		
	♥ K 7 2		
	♦ 9 7		
	♣ A 7 5 4		

West	North	East	South
—	1♥	Pass	1♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♣
Pass	5♦	Pass	5♥
Pass	6♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

As he had two diamond losers, South embarked on a simple cue-bidding auction at his second turn, which carried North-South to a fair slam.

West led the king of diamonds and declarer saw that he had potential losers in the pointed suits. The normal way to play the trumps is to cash the king and finesse the jack. As the cards lie, this would have resulted in a quick funeral pyre for the contract; West would win the queen of trumps and cash a diamond.

A better idea is to combine the second-best play in trumps, cashing the ace and king, with the chance of discarding a diamond on the fourth round of hearts. When the actual declarer did this, he had the good news that the trumps were 3-2 and the bad news that the queen was still outstanding. Next he played on hearts, hoping that the defender with the queen of trumps began with at least three hearts. When this was proved to be the case, declarer was able to discard his second diamond on dummy’s jack of hearts. West was able only to score his trump winner.

This plan makes the slam when either defender has a doubleton queen of trumps. It also wins when either defenders holds queen-to-three in the trump suit but



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1: The President asked those present to stand in respect of those members who had passed away since the last AGM. Remembered in particular was Stuart Staveley, the long-serving Membership Secretary.

2: Officer's reports:

President's report: It has been a stable year for IBPA but four strong supporters of IBPA now retire. Our finances, excluding currency changes, are close to break even. Membership remains at just over 310.

Two of the retirements are sponsors. For five years (2005-9) the Junior Award has been sponsored by Ernesto d'Orsi in the name of the Revista Brasileira de Bridge. Sadly the bridge magazine is no more and so the sponsorship has ended. Ernesto is an Honour Member of IBPA and we welcome him here today. We have an excellent replacement in the person of Nick Nickell who has already committed himself for the three years 2010-2012 in the name of his former bridge partner, the late Richard Freeman. The other retiring sponsor is George Rosenkranz. From as early as 1976 George sponsored our bidding award in the name of Romex, the system he invented. From 2006-9 the name was Precision but the sponsor was the same. So George has been our supporter for 34 years. Despite his long generosity to IBPA it was an omission on our part that George had not been made an honour member. That error we now correct. Your Executive proposes that George Rosenkranz of Mexico be made an honour Member of IBPA. (Approved nem con.) As replacement we have George Retek, to whom we are grateful. I take this opportunity to thank our other sponsors: Rose Meltzer, Dilip Gidwani and Ray Lee. We are also grateful to the WBF for its annual grant.

The two other retirements are officers. At the 2005 AGM in Estoril, Christer Andersson retired as Treasurer and Stuart Staveley as Membership Secretary. Mario Dix, in anticipation of more free time, generously offered to take on both roles. In reality an unexpected business task continues to take up much of his time. So, last year he gave up the Membership role to Jeremy Dhondy, and now the Treasurer's role goes to Jeremy's wife Heather Dhondy. We thank Mario for his five years service as an Officer.

The other retirement is our Secretary, Maureen Dennison. Her husband, Jim, is losing his sight. Maureen replaced the late Evelyn Senn at the 2000 AGM. We thank her therefore for ten years service as an officer and her regular presence at World and European Championships. We honour both these retirements, as we did in Estoril, with a dinner in their honour tonight.

I am also grateful to our other officers. Per Jannersten, Chairman, puts in much work for IBPA outside his remit. Dilip Gidwani is not only a sponsor but also Production Manager for the printed Bulletin. Jan van Cleeff has plans to improve our website service.

I also thank the other members of your Executive. Remarkably, given our worldwide spread, 9 of the 15 attended our first meeting in Philadelphia. The next will be after our Awards tomorrow.

We have welcomed five new members in Philadelphia: Anna Jannersten is our second Junior, also Sylvia Caley, Victor Marinescu, Brian Gunnell and Avrom Posen. That means Membership is 311.

Finally thanks to all of you for attending. We would not have a quorum without you! *Patrick Jourdain*

Chairman's report: The Nominating Committee consists of the Chairman, Barry Rigal and David Stern. The nomination committee's ambition is to (gradually) renew the Executive and the Officers with younger forces whilst at the same time the geographical spread is maintained or improved.

The Control Committee consists of the Chairman, the Auditor (Julius Butkow) and the Counsel (Bill Pencharz). The control committee has had no reason to take action in the past year.

The state of realm of the organization is good, but there is a potential for improvements on the organization's administration. ****

The aforementioned is the required, formal report of the Chairman's [constitutional] duties. In practice it is other matters that consume most of the Chairman's time. I still manage (through the Jannersten company) the website, the membership registry and the online credit card payment facilities. The credit card payments should have been moved to a dedicated IBPA account with Paypal; hopefully we will manage to have the Paypal function operational in the near future. *Per Jannersten*

Secretary's Report: I have much enjoyed being your secretary. The camaraderie between the members makes for the smooth running of the organisation. However, my husband (should I say long suffering husband) is losing his sight to the dreaded macular degeneration. Soon I may be unable to attend Championships. Thus it is time for the IBPA to move on with a new secretary. I hope to be able to visit some events and keep in touch with many of you. *Maureen Dennison*

3: Appointees reports:

Editor's report: The past 12 months since São Paulo have passed in a trice. As far as the Bulletin is concerned, it has been a relatively unremarkable year. The Bulletin had contributions from 54 different writers residing in 25 countries from 7 of the 8 WBF Zones. As usual, Europe, North America and the South Pacific had the largest number of contributions, with only the Caribbean/Central America being unrepresented. Six of our contributors were women. Again, Tim Bourke from Australia, Mark Horton of England, Ron Klinger from Australia, Barry Rigal (USA) and Phillip Alder (also USA) made the largest number of contributions. I thank them and everyone else who contributed.

Special thanks must publicly go to P.O. Sundelin of Sweden who I depend upon for technical expertise even more than Deep Finesse. P.O. has loyally reviewed almost every article published since I took over as editor. Catching me out in a technical gaffe is no great accomplishment, so P.O. especially looks forward to correcting my spelling and grammar. Equally proficient as a proofreader is my wife Katie Thorpe, who checks every word and diagram. The occasional booboo in this area is usually due to changes after she's done. Without these two helping me, I assure you, there would be many more errors.

Once again, I ask all IBPA members to make a contribution to the Bulletin. Don't worry if your English is not perfect, we'll try and make it so. We can even make translations. I would especially like to see more contributions from Africa and Latin America and from our female members. *John Carruthers*

EBL & WBF Liaison Officer's report: As usual I have nothing to report. *Panos Gerontopoulos*

4. **Treasurer's report:** (due to space the financial account and Treasure's report will be published in the next bulletin) A proposal to approve the 2009 Accounts was carried unanimously. A proposal that the subscription rates remain the same in 2011 as 2010, namely US dollars \$42 for membership and US dollars \$45 for the extra service of receiving a printed Bulletin, was carried unanimously.

5: Election of Officers for two years to 2012

President: Patrick Jourdain (Wales)(ratified unanimously.) Then, en bloc and ratified unanimously:
Chairman: Per Jannersten (Sweden); Executive vice-President: Jan van Cleeff (Netherlands); Organisational vice-president: Dilip Gidwani (India); Treasurer: Heather Dhondy (England); Secretary: Herman De Wael (Belgium).Then: Legal counsel: Bill Pencharz (England); Auditor: Julius Butkow (South Africa).

Election of Executive for three years to 2013:

David Stern (Australia); Brent Manley (USA); Todashi Yoshida (Japan).

Already elected to 2011: John Carruthers (Canada); Barry Rigal (USA); Pietro Campanile (Israel).

Already elected to 2012: Geo Tislevoll (Norway); Nikolas Bausback (Germany); Ron Tacchi (France).

Appointees in post: Awards Chairman: Barry Rigal (USA); Editor: John Carruthers(Canada). Membership Secretary: Jeremy Dhondy (England).

6. Any other competent business.

Anna Maria Torlontano gave a presentation about the women's event in Thailand and asked the journalists to give it publicity. Armand Trippaers made a presentation about next World Year's championship in Veldhoven. The Press room conditions were expected to be excellent with updated laptops. He advised early booking as the number of rooms on site is limited.

The meeting was adjourned until Tuesday, 12th October for the presentation of awards and AOB:

Maureen Dennison, Philadelphia, PA, Monday, October 11, 2010

West	North	East	South
Willenken	Levin	Rosenberg	Weinstein
—	—	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

A deal, a match, or indeed an event can have a tipping point. With 11 boards to go in the match, Fleisher was down 20 IMPs to Wolfson (having already gained 7 IMPs in the set), with the hottest pair in the world (wins this year in the Cavendish Pairs and the U.S. Trials, and the Generali World Open Pairs to come), Bobby Levin and Steve Weinstein, looking to close the gap.

Eldad Ginossar received a heart lead against his five clubs; he won and led a trump to the king and ace. A diamond came through and he played the ace and took his diamond pitch on the hearts. When he next played the club queen, he was one off, losing two trumps and a spade.

Stevie Weinstein felt his hand would not be worth a reverse if partner made the expected spade response, so opened one diamond instead. If he could find a way to make three no trump, Fleisher would gain 12 IMPs and build some momentum. Chris Willenken led the heart four, nine, three, ace. Declarer led his spade, West ducked, dummy won and continued spades, declarer pitching the diamond seven. Willenken won this one and continued hearts, two from Rosenberg.

With entries to the table scarce, Weinstein tried the club queen, ducked by Rosenberg. Another club went to the jack. The moment of truth had arrived - a reflex heart play would mean only four tricks for the defence: one spade, one heart and two clubs. Rosenberg instead shifted to a low diamond; Weinstein had to duck to avoid setting up two diamond winners for the defence, so he played the jack. Willenken won the king and reverted to hearts, building the winner in that suit. When declarer knocked out East's last club stop, he had a heart to cash.

This was excellent, cooperative defence by Rosenberg and Willenken to push the board and halt Fleisher's momentum. Wolfson did indeed go on to win the match, by 16.

Final - Sting in the Tail - by Mark Horton

With two deals left in the second set, Nickell led 56-53. The next deal went a long way to deciding the final outcome. It was the first of two grand-slam swings which went Diamond's way, but which could just have easily gone Nickell's... (See top of next column.)

Something went awry in the bidding. East led the three of diamonds and declarer won with dummy's jack and drew trumps, discarding a heart and a spade from dummy as West parted with three spades.

Board 32. Dealer West. EW Vul.

♠ A	
♥ K 8 7 3	
♦ A K Q 10 6 4	
♣ A 3	
♠ 10 8 6 4 3	♠ K 9 7 2
♥ Q 10 4	♥ 9 5
♦ 7	♦ 9 8 5 3
♣ Q 9 8 4	♣ 7 6 5
♠ Q J 5	
♥ A J 6 2	
♦ J 2	
♣ K J 10 2	

West	North	East	South
Rodwell	Hampson	Meckstroth	Greco
Pass	1♣ ¹	Pass	2♥ ²
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♥ ³	Pass	4NT ⁴
Pass	5♥ ⁵	Pass	6♣ ⁶
Pass	7♦	Pass	Pass

1. Strong
2. 12-13 balanced
3. Kickback
4. 1 key card
5. King ask
6. Club king

Declarer cashed the king of hearts, East following with the five, and played a heart to the nine and ace. He played the jack of spades to the ace, cashed the ten of diamonds, throwing dummy's last heart (the jack), East discarding the seven of clubs and West the ten of spades.

When Hampson played the last diamond East threw the seven of spades, dummy the queen of spades and West...the queen of hearts. Declarer's hearts were good now so that was a fortuitous plus 1440.

Declarer's line was perhaps the best available (at single dummy), hoping for a doubleton queen of hearts or the queen-third of clubs with East. Clearly, at the end, West was catering for declarer being 1=2=6=4, when he needs to keep all his clubs. However, if East's shape had thus been 4=4=4=1, he would surely have thrown a third heart on the last diamond and kept his club.

West	North	East	South
Diamond	Katz	Platnick	Nickell
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♥
Pass	4NT	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♠	Double	Pass
Pass	6♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Declarer won the spade lead in dummy, played a heart to the ace and a heart to the king, claiming when East followed, plus 980. That was 10 IMPs to Diamond.

If Katz had made six diamonds and Rodwell defeated seven diamonds, Nickell would have scored 26 IMPs. As it was diamonds had been brilliant for Diamond who had picked up 23 IMPs on the two deals. It had been a great set for Diamond, who led 76-56 IMPs.

Final - The Closer - by Mark Horton

In baseball, a closing pitcher, more frequently referred to as a closer, is a relief pitcher who specializes in closing out games, i.e., getting the final outs. Closers most often appear when the score is close, and the role always goes to a team's best reliever. A small number of closers have won the Cy Young Award. Dennis Eckersley, Rollie Fingers, Goose Gossage, Bruce Sutter and Hoyt Wilhelm are closers who have been elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame. Closers are often the highest-paid relief pitchers on their teams, since they are expected to be the most talented and 'mentally tough'.

At this tournament, I seem to have spent a lot of my time writing up the last set of numerous matches, but my new nickname, 'the Closer' implies nothing about my mental toughness, and even less about my salary.

The Diamond team led 90-69 IMPs with 13 boards to play, handy, but a couple of big swings could quickly change that. They did.

Board 52. Dealer West. Both Vul.

<p>♠ Q J 4 2 ♥ 8 3 ♦ Q 8 7 6 5 ♣ 9 8</p>	<p>♠ A 6 3 ♥ K J ♦ A K 4 2 ♣ K 4 3 2</p>
<p>♠ K 8 ♥ A 10 7 6 5 4 ♦ J 9 ♣ A 7 5</p>	<p>♠ 10 9 7 5 ♥ Q 9 2 ♦ 10 3 ♣ Q J 10 6</p>

West	North	East	South
Zia	Greco	Hamman	Hampson
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	6♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

It looks as if declarer needs to find the queen of trumps (get that wrong and you may have some squeeze chances) but Zia found a way of making the opponents find the lady for him.

North led the queen of spades and declarer won in hand, played a diamond to the ace, cashed the ace of spades and ruffed a spade. A diamond to the king was followed by a diamond ruff, South discarding the six of clubs. Declarer cashed two clubs, ending in dummy and played a diamond, ruffing when South pitched the nine

of spades. He exited with a club, knowing someone would be endplayed.

(An interesting defence would have been for Hampson to discard his last spade on the third diamond, then to ruff the fourth diamond with the nine of hearts, keeping all his clubs. Zia overruffs with the ten and must guess whether the remaining hearts are 2-2, in which case he must play trumps from the top, or 3-1 with North, in which case low to the jack is the percentage play. On the existing layout, if he exits with a club after overruffing, he is down by force on a trump promotion when Hampson plays that jealously-husbanded fourth club. - Ed.)

West	North	East	South
Moss	Rodwell	Gitelman	Meckstroth
1♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	5♠	Pass
5NT	Pass	7♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

For the second time in the match the Diamond team reached a dubious grand slam. Moss was over the first hurdle when the three of hearts hit the deck.

Declarer took the queen with the ace, crossed back to the king of hearts, came to hand with the king of spades, drew the last trump and played the jack of diamonds to the ace. He cashed the king of diamonds and ruffed a diamond, isolating the diamond menace. He cashed a heart, then played a club to the king and a club to the ace.

On the last trump North had to part with a spade. The redundant four of diamonds was retired from dummy and South also had to pitch a spade. The double squeeze gave declarer a heart warming/breaking 2210 and 13 IMPs. Diamond led 118-70 IMPs, and although there were 12 deals to play, the writing was on the wall.

**McCONNELL WOMEN'S
KNOCKOUT TEAMS**

Final - Not to Be Denied - Phillip Alder

Board 51. Dealer South. EW Vul.

<p>♠ A 9 8 ♥ J 9 ♦ K Q 10 9 7 5 ♣ K 9</p>	<p>♠ Q J 6 2 ♥ A 6 4 3 ♦ — ♣ J 10 7 4 2</p>
<p>♠ K 7 5 ♥ 10 7 ♦ J 8 6 4 3 2 ♣ Q 8</p>	<p>♠ 10 4 3 ♥ K Q 8 5 2 ♦ A ♣ A 6 5 3</p>

West	North	East	South
Simons	Lu	Pasman	Gu
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

West	North	East	South
Wang	Verbeek	Sun	van Zwol
—	—	—	1♥
Pass	2♦	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♦	Pass	3NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

The McConnell was run along similar lines to the Rosenblum, with four sections, each qualifying four teams for knockout play.

The score at the start of the last 16 boards in the McConnell Cup final was China 71 Netherlands 61.

Against Gu's four hearts, Simons led the five of spades. Declarer won with dummy's ace and called for a diamond. Fatally, East discarded a spade. South won with her ace, played a club to dummy's king, and led the king of diamonds, this time ruffed and overruffed. After the club ace and a club ruff, East did not ruff the diamond queen (not that it mattered), allowing declarer to throw a spade. Declarer ruffed the next diamond, ruffed another club in the dummy and lost only a spade, a heart and an eventual overruff in clubs.

West also led a spade against three no trump. Declarer took the third round, played a diamond to her ace, and led a heart to dummy's jack. East won with her ace, cashed the spade queen, and shifted to a club. South took West's queen with dummy's king and cashed the diamond king to give this position:

	♠ —	
	♥ 9	
	♦ Q 10 9	
	♣ 9	
♠ —		♠ —
♥ 10		♥ 6 4 3
♦ J 8 6		♦ —
♣ 8		♣ J 10
	♠ —	
	♥ K Q 8 5	
	♦ —	
	♣ A	

On the diamond queen, East discarded the heart three. Now declarer started thinking. She knew West had begun with either 3=2=6=2 or 3=1=6=3 distribution - but which? Eventually, van Zwol ran dummy's heart nine, but it lost to the ten and West cashed the diamond jack for down two. Plus 420 and plus 100 gave China 11 IMPs and a lead of 27.

That deal is the sort on which championships rest. The game that can be defeated isn't, and the game that can make, doesn't. If the Dutch had done everything right, the swing would have been 10 the other way and the margin only 6.

RAND SENIOR TEAMS

The Big Bang – John Carruthers

The Senior Teams opened with three slams in the first 10-board match. The first was on Board 1, which was a grand slam or a small slam, depending on whether you could guess the trump suit of:

♦ K J 9 4 3

opposite: ♦ A 8 7 5

The player in front of the longer diamonds had sometimes bid hearts, but had not been raised. You had ace-third of hearts opposite a singleton, so they were likely 6-3. If you led toward the diamond king, the ten appeared. If you now led to the eight, you had better hope that you stopped in a small slam, since West held the queen-ten doubleton along with his king-queen-to-six hearts. Thirty-four tables were in play; three pairs bid seven diamonds and two of the three went down.

Eight boards later came a grand slam, again in diamonds, with a trump suit of:

♦ A Q J 4

♦ K 10 7 2

You needed two ruffs in one hand or the other with no 5-0 break in either minor, so this one was considerably better than the previous one. However, only two pairs managed it, Paul Hackett-John Holland for the eventual winners, and Umberto Raiola-Paolo Walter Gabriele for the Raiola team.

This was the final deal:

Board 10. Dealer East. Both Vul.

	♠ A Q 10 9 7 6	
	♥ 8	
	♦ Q J 10 9	
	♣ 9 8	
♠ J 5 3 2		♠ 8 4
♥ Q 9 6 5 2		♥ J 10 7 4
♦ K 4		♦ 8 7 5 2
♣ Q 6		♣ J 10 4
	♠ K	
	♥ A K 3	
	♦ A 6 3	
	♣ A K 7 5 3 2	

After a pass by East, South had to decide how to treat that 1=3=3=6. One approach that would have worked a treat was to open two no trump and receive a transfer response. That would ensure that South declared six spades, a very good contract. In practice, all nine pairs who declared six spades had North as the declarer.

Only two went down, one on a diamond lead and one on a heart lead.

Five pairs tried six no trump and one made it, and two tried six diamonds, both failing. That left 18 pairs, 14 of whom rested in game (in no trump, spades or clubs) and the other four of whom declared six clubs. Only one made it, Mark Lair of the Carolyn Lynch team.

There are two reasonable lines of play:

(1.) Win the opening heart lead, unblock the spade king, ruff a heart and try to cash the ace-queen of spades for two diamond pitches. You make if spades are 3-3 or if they are 4-2 with the hand that ruffs having three clubs.

(2.a.) Win the heart, ruff a heart, play the two high clubs, overtake the spade king with the ace and cash the queen for a diamond pitch. If the jack of spades has not fallen, take the diamond finesse.

Both lines need trumps 3-2. There is a third line, call it (2.b.), involving playing the third round of clubs. If that is won by West, he can reduce you to line (2.a.) by playing a spade. However, more interesting is if the third club is won by East. He can also return a spade to revert to line (2.a.), but if he returns a diamond, a new possibility presents itself, namely, rising with the diamond ace and running winners, hoping for a squeeze.

This line seems a little fanciful, so perhaps you simply need to take the diamond finesse in that case. Since that would reject the chance of the spade jack singleton or doubleton, playing the third round of clubs actually impairs your chances. And anyway, East can prevent you taking that line by returning a spade.

Psychologically, if East has the diamond king then, he should return a diamond, since he can see that, left to your own devices, you'll make the contract. So he should try to talk you into a losing line. And without the diamond king, he should simply return a spade, unless of course he has the doubleton jack.

In any case, I am reliably informed by the Guru of All Things Statistical, Londoner David Burn, that line (1.) is about 43%, while line (2.a.) is about 39%. Line 2.b. is worse, about 36%. Well done, Mark Lair.

ORTIZ-PATIÑO JUNIOR (UNDER - 26) TEAMS

There were 17 teams in the Juniors (U-26) and 16 in the Youngsters (U-21) championships. In each event a complete round robin of 10-board matches saw the top eight qualify for the knock-out stages.

Junior Semifinal Second Quarter - Brian Senior

Israel had a handy 43-13 IMP lead after the first quarter of their semi-final with USA1. The second set was a lively affair - on five of the first six deals one side or the other attempted a six-heart contract. One of these...

Board 15. Dealer South. NS Vul.

♠ A J 7	♠ 10 4
♥ Q 10 7	♥ A K J 9 6 4 3
♦ Q 8 7 2	♦ A 4
♣ A 10 6	♣ K 8
	♠ 5 3 2
	♥ 2
	♦ K 10 6
	♣ J 9 7 5 3 2

West	North	East	South
<i>Fay</i>	<i>Tarnovski</i>	<i>Chiu</i>	<i>Fisher</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠	Double	6♣	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
West	North	East	South
<i>Argelazi</i>	<i>Fournier</i>	<i>Birman</i>	<i>Lee</i>
—	—	—	Pass
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Argelazi rebid one no trump and Birman enquired, then made one slam try when he admitted to three hearts, albeit it in a minimum. When Argelazi signed off, Birman called it a day.

Roger Lee led a low club to the queen and king. In the fullness of time, Birman could finesse the ten of clubs for his twelfth trick to chalk up plus 480.

Jason Chiu was considerably more optimistic and drove to slam once he got a cuebid out of Kevin Fay. Here, the lead was the requested spade, ducked to the queen. Spectators could see that there was a positional minor-suit squeeze against South, but the odds for that were not that great and Chiu preferred a different line.

He won the trump return and rattled off all the trumps. Lotan Fisher could pitch three clubs, two spades and a diamond, while declarer came down to three clubs and two spades in the dummy. Seeing that if he threw a club his queen would then fall under declarer's king, leaving a finesse against Fisher's jack, Bar Tarnovski instead came down to a singleton diamond. The guard squeeze had now done its work. Chiu continued by cashing the ace of spades and this time it was South who was squeezed. Fisher threw a diamond, hoping that he had got the distribution wrong, but Chiu crossed to the king of clubs

and cashed the ace then four of diamonds and had his slam for plus plus 980 and 11 IMPs to USAI.

GENERALI WORLD OPEN PAIRS

Table Talk - Brian Senior

All Bulletin personnel should go to dinner with different players every evening. You may sit and watch at a table for two hours and never see anything newsworthy, but how often do you go through a whole dinner conversation with a group of bridge players and have the same problem?

Sure enough, Saturday evening saw me at dinner in a group including the Anglo-American partnership of James Mates and Marshall Lewis. During their excellent second session in the Open Pairs qualifying, Lewis played this deal in three no trump after opening two no trump.

Board 8. Dealer West. Neither Vul.

<p>♠ K Q 10 6 ♥ A J 10 6 ♦ K Q 4 ♣ A 6</p>	<p>♠ A J 7 5 4 3 ♥ 7 4 2 ♦ J 7 ♣ 5 3</p>
<p>♠ 8 2 ♥ Q 9 8 3 ♦ 8 6 5 3 ♣ K J 2</p>	<p>♠ 9 ♥ K 5 ♦ A 10 9 2 ♣ Q 10 9 8 7 4</p>

East led a low spade to dummy's nine. Lewis started clubs by leading the queen. West could see that covering would make life very easy for declarer as he would win the ace and lead a second round to knock out the jack - so he tried the effect of ducking.

Indeed, covering the queen with the king would have allowed declarer to make 11 tricks, the defence being restricted to a spade and a club. But look what happened when West ducked.

Lewis crossed to the ace of clubs and played the king of spades. This was East's last chance to take his ace so he did so, and returned a heart. Lewis could have ensured three heart tricks without loss by playing low from dummy, but he judged that East would never have led the suit if holding the queen so rose with dummy's king. A diamond to the king allowed declarer to cash the queen of spades, pitching a club from dummy. Now three more rounds of diamonds squeezed West out of his fourth heart as he had to keep the club guard. Lewis took the heart finesse and now the queen fell under the ace to give twelve tricks and a huge plus 490.

Jack and Fu - Jan van Cleeff

In between VuGraph sessions I had a chance to kibitz China's Fu Zhong and Jack Jie Zhao, the defending world

champions, in the fifth session of the semifinal of the Open Pairs.

Board 3. Dealer South. EW Vul.

<p>♠ 9 6 5 4 ♥ 6 ♦ J 4 2 ♣ Q J 7 6 5</p>	<p>♠ K 10 8 ♥ 10 5 ♦ Q 10 7 6 5 3 ♣ A K</p>
<p>♠ A Q 7 2 ♥ K J 8 7 ♦ 8 ♣ 10 9 8 3</p>	<p>♠ J 3 ♥ A Q 9 4 3 2 ♦ A K 9 ♣ 4 2</p>

West	North	East	South
Zhao	—	Zhong	1♥
—	—	—	2♥
Pass	Pass	Double	Pass
Double	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

A lot can be said about the bidding, but I leave that to the experts. Let's focus on the play. North led a heart: six, five, nine, jack. The diamond eight ran to South's nine, and he continued with a low heart to dummy's ten (North discarding a club). South won the next diamond (West throwing a club) and played the ace of hearts and another heart (North parting with a diamond and a club, dummy a diamond). This was the position:

<p>♠ 9 6 5 4 ♥ — ♦ — ♣ Q J 7</p>	<p>♠ K 10 8 ♥ — ♦ Q 10 ♣ A K</p>
<p>♠ A Q 7 2 ♥ — ♦ — ♣ 10 9 8</p>	<p>♠ J 3 ♥ Q 4 ♦ A ♣ 4 2</p>

Zhao cashed ace-king of clubs, the king of spades, then the ten to the jack and ace and endplayed North by playing a club, pitching the spade eight from dummy. Declarer made the last two tricks with spade queen and seven. Neatly done.

Spectacular Highlights - Brent Manley

On Friday morning, Zia Mahmood and Eric Rodwell were lying 38th in the field of 72 in the Generali Open Pairs and were hopeful of a big game in session three to put them into contention. It didn't happen - they were about average - but they did have their moments. This was the first...

Board 8. Dealer West. Neither Vul.

♠ J 8 2
 ♥ Q 10 8 4 3 2
 ♦ 9
 ♣ Q 7 6
 ♠ —
 ♥ 6
 ♦ A K Q J 8 4 3 2
 ♣ A K J 5
 ♠ A K Q 4
 ♥ A K J 7
 ♦ 6
 ♣ 9 8 3 2

West	North	East	South
Zia	van Prooijen	Rodwell	Verhees
1♦	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass(!)	1♥	1♠	3♥
4♠(!!)	5♥	Pass	Pass
5♠(!!!)	Pass	Pass	Double
6♦	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Barry Rigal points out that in Zia's autobiography - Bridge My Way - there is a passage about a player known as Godzilla, who was his partner in an auction much like the one Zia perpetrated against Louk Verhees and Ricco van Prooijen.

When van Prooijen led a low club against the doubled slam, Zia put up dummy's ten, and when the queen fell under his king, he had an overtrick for plus 1190 and 69 of the 70 matchpoints available.

Later, Rodwell earned a fine score without bamboozling anyone. He did it by accurate reading of the cards.

Board 16. Dealer West. EW Vul.

♠ 6 5 2
 ♥ J 10 7 5
 ♦ J 4 3 2
 ♣ 10 3
 ♠ K Q 10 3
 ♥ K 6 4
 ♦ 9 7 6
 ♣ 9 8 4
 ♠ A 9 8
 ♥ A 9 3 2
 ♦ A 10 5
 ♣ K J 5
 ♠ J 7 4
 ♥ Q 8
 ♦ K Q 8
 ♣ A Q 7 6 2

West	North	East	South
Zia		Rodwell	
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

1. Range enquiry

Zia's two spades asked whether Rodwell was minimum, and three clubs indicated he was not, so Zia bid the game.

South led a low club to the four, ten and jack. Rodwell played the nine of spades to dummy's king and called for the four of hearts. When North followed with the five, Rodwell played the three, knowing his left-hand opponent was going to have to win the trick. South thought for a moment and played the queen of hearts and continued with the eight.

Rodwell won in dummy and played a diamond to his ten and South's queen. South exited with a spade, taken by Rodwell with the ace. Rodwell cashed the ace of hearts, and when he cashed two more spade tricks, South erred by discarding a diamond. Rodwell then played the seven of diamonds from dummy, and when North followed low, Rodwell considered his play for a long time before playing the five. South was down to the singleton king and his clubs, so he was forced to concede Rodwell's ninth trick in the club suit. That was worth 63 of 70 matchpoints.

Why You Win at Bridge - Mark Horton

During the third session of the Generali Open Pairs Championship final, Rosenblum winners John Diamond and Brian Platnick achieved a unique result and a complete top by virtue of being the only pair to bid a grand slam.

Board 24. Dealer West. Neither Vul.

♠ 7 3 2
 ♥ 10 9 2
 ♦ 5 4
 ♣ K J 8 7 4
 ♠ Q J 10 9 6 4
 ♥ K J 5
 ♦ Q 10
 ♣ 9 5
 ♠ A K 8 5
 ♥ Q 8 4 3
 ♦ J 9 2
 ♣ 10 3
 ♠ —
 ♥ A 7 6
 ♦ A K 8 7 6 3
 ♣ A Q 6 2

West	North	East	South
Prabhakar	Diamond	Tewari	Platnik
3♠	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	4♣	Pass	4♠
Pass	6♣	Pass	7♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

When Platnick bid four spades, Diamond, who might have had nothing at all for his four-club bid, decided that he had a pretty good holding in clubs, so in the manner of SJ Simon he produced a 'master bid' of six clubs. Well, thought Platnick, if you can bid six, I can surely bid seven.

If that isn't a candidate for best bid hand of the tournament I'll eat my copy of *Why You Lose at Bridge*.

GENERALI WORLD WOMEN'S PAIRS

Extra Chances Are Not Always Good - Brian Senior

Generally, bridge players look for any extra chance to make a contract, but extra chances are not always a positive thing, as witness this deal from the fourth qualifying session of the Women's Pairs.

Board 4. Dealer West. Both Vul.

<p>♠ A J 6 5 3 ♥ A 9 3 ♦ K 7 5 ♣ 7 2</p> <p>♠ K 10 8 4 ♥ K 6 ♦ A Q 4 3 2 ♣ J 3</p> <p>♠ Q 2 ♥ Q J 10 8 ♦ 9 8 ♣ A Q 9 6 5</p>	<p>♠ 9 7 ♥ 7 5 4 2 ♦ J 10 6 ♣ K 10 8 4</p>
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West	North	East	South
Travis		Boardman	
1♦	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

North declared three no trump and Australia's Kathy Boardman led the jack of diamonds. That was ducked by both Barbara Travis, West, and declarer, so Boardman continued with the ten, which declarer won with her king. She decided to exit with the third diamond and was very disappointed to see Boardman discard a small heart. That was corrected and now, of course, declarer had rights to exercise.

She chose to insist on a heart lead from West. Without the penalty, declarer would have required two dummy entries to take the two major-suit finesses and the fourth heart trick, which would have made the club finesse essential. However, now she had other possibilities.

Travis duly switched to the six of hearts and declarer ran it, led a second heart and, when the king appeared, cashed four heart tricks, Travis pitching a club and a diamond. She continued with the queen of spades to the king and ace then cashed the jack. After some thought, declarer exited with a spade, hoping for an endplay, only to see West cash three winners for down one.

Declarer might have come to the conclusion that West could not have a balanced hand including the king of clubs - which would have given her 15 or 16 HCP and she would then have opened one no trump.

WORLD IMP PAIRS

Jacks Step Aside - Brent Manley

On this deal from the third qualifying session of the IMP Pairs, Steve Hamaoui of Venezuela skilfully got a jack out of the way at just the right time. His opponent had reason to regret not doing the same.

Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.

<p>♠ A Q 9 4 2 ♥ A 10 9 ♦ K 6 3 ♣ K 10</p> <p>♠ K ♥ K Q 6 5 3 ♦ 10 9 7 ♣ Q J 7 5</p> <p>♠ J 5 ♥ J 4 ♦ Q 8 4 ♣ A 9 8 6 4 2</p>	<p>♠ 10 8 7 6 3 ♥ 8 7 2 ♦ A J 5 2 ♣ 3</p>
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Hamaoui opened one no trump as North and was raised to three no trump. East led the six of spades to the five, king and ace. Hamaoui cashed the king of clubs and played the ten, ducking when East showed out, pitching a heart. West took the club jack and played the heart king, ducked by Hamaoui, who played the jack of hearts from dummy, unblocking.

West might have done better to switch to the ten of diamonds, but he persisted in hearts. Hamaoui took the heart ten and cashed the ace, as East discarded a diamond. Now Hamaoui played a low diamond from hand, winning the queen in dummy. He cashed the club ace, and East was caught. If he discarded his jack of diamonds, Hamaoui could cash the spade jack and exit with a diamond to the bare ace, forcing East to lead into the queen-nine of spades. The king of diamonds would be declarer's ninth trick.

If East discarded a spade, Hamaoui could still cash the spade and play a diamond. East would win the two diamonds but would still be endplayed in the spade suit, giving Hamaoui enough spade tricks for his contract.

The key play, as noted by Fernando Lema, was for East to play the diamond jack on the first lead of the suit. If he did so, declarer would not have been able to come up with the endplay he found. Declarer could not overtake the spade jack without conceding the setting tricks, and if he cashed the spade jack and led a diamond, West's ten-nine of diamonds would assure that he would gain the lead sooner or later to cash the setting tricks.

The Alarm Clock – Phillip Alder

The winners of the IMP Pairs were Wolfe Thompson of Las Vegas and Marc Zwerling of Portland, OR. Thompson was a leading college player in the late 1970s, but allowed a successful law career to interfere with bridge. He has recently taken the game seriously again, and this was the first time he had competed in a world championship. Zwerling is also a successful lawyer and has more than a dozen Top 10 finishes in national championships. They defended perfectly on the following deal from the third final session.

Board 2. Dealer South. EW Vul.

♠ 9 7 5 4 2 ♥ J 9 8 ♦ 9 5 ♣ K 8 5	♠ A ♥ 10 6 4 3 ♦ A K 8 7 2 ♣ 9 7 4
♠ J 10 6 ♥ 7 5 ♦ J 6 4 ♣ Q J 6 3 2	♠ K Q 8 3 ♥ A K Q 2 ♦ Q 10 3 ♣ A 10

West	North	East	South
Zwerling		Thompson	
—	—	—	2♣
Pass	2♦	Double	2NT
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Two clubs showed either a balanced 20 or 21 points, or a strong hand with long clubs; two diamonds asked; East's double promised length and strength in diamonds; three hearts was a transfer bid; three no-trump offered a choice of games; and South naturally chose the 5-4 spade fit.

Zwerling led the diamond four, lowest from an odd number or third-highest from an even number. Thompson won with his king and cashed the ace, under which West dropped his jack.

For many pairs this would have been a suit-preference play suggesting a heart shift. But Thompson and Zwerling played that it was an "alarm clock" signal, asking partner to produce an unusual defence. What unusual defense was there?

Only to continue diamonds. So East led a third round of the suit. South ruffed his queen in the dummy and called for a spade. East won with his ace (West dropping the jack) and led a fourth diamond, which promoted the spade ten as a trick for his partner, the fourth defensive winner.

Plus 50 gave Thompson and Zwerling 332 IMPs on the board - more than their winning margin. They were the

only pair to defeat the contract. At 31 of the 36 tables North-South were in spades and 30 won at least 10 tricks.

In the Generali Open Pairs, in which the same deals were played, 29 North-South pairs played in spades. All of them made 10 or 11 tricks. There, admittedly, the thought of possibly conceding an unnecessary overtrick, which could have been very expensive, probably influenced several Easts. But it is still impressive that in the two events Thompson and Zwerling were the only pair to hold spades to nine tricks.

P.S.: After this deal appeared in the New York Times on October 25, 2010, numerous people sent e-mails claiming that Thompson was lucky to have been able to make a lead-directing double of an artificial two-diamond bid. The correspondents believed that at all of the other tables South would have opened two no-trump, North would have responded three hearts, transfer, and West would have led the club queen from queen-jack-fifth, not a diamond from jack-third. Nevertheless, the opening salvo at 17 other tables was a diamond.

WORLD COMPUTER BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIP

The 14th championship in the series was held in Philadelphia. The contestants played a round robin, followed by knockout semifinals and final. Results:

Round Robin			
WBridge5	110 VP	Q-Plus Bridge	99 VP
Shark Bridge	108 VP	Micro Bridge	74 VP
Jack	106 VP	Moose Bridge	6 VP
Bridge Baron	103 VP		
Semifinals			
WBridge5	154	Bridge Baron	123
Jack	183	Sharkbridge	58
Final			
Jack	150	WBridge5	118

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Dear John,

Just received Buletin 549, Oct. 10. You don't often get things wrong, so you won't mind my pointing out that Louisville was NOT the scene of the first Europe v. USA match. The Warren Buffett Cup was first contested at Templeogue (a suburb of Dublin) 18-21 September 2006.

Since I was in Louisville for the Ryder Cup and Buffett Cup, I knew this; slip of the pen. It has been corrected in the online version – too late for the mailed version.

Hi John,

It is one thing to say that it took the Ryder Cup 25 years to achieve prominence; it is quite another to suggest that the Buffett Cup, in its present form and organization, has any hope of getting to that point.

Cardiff is not a big town. You mention in your Editorial that an Immigration official at the airport (not a big airport) had no idea the event was being played. We found it very noticeable driving around Cardiff that signage for the Ryder Cup was everywhere; the Buffett Cup was nowhere acknowledged. There was no highway signage at the (rather obscure) turnoff to the venue. There was no signage at the hotel itself (even in the lobby!). Nowhere was there any indication that three dozen or so of the world's best bridge players had gathered for what was supposed to be a marquee event. You've discussed the arcane scoring system at length. The VuGraph itself had major technical problems, but in any event, that hardly mattered for the ten or so spectators who were scattered around the room.

I have no idea what the budget for the event is/was, but it felt as though it was being run on a shoestring. That impression was reinforced when one VuGraph commentator, who had driven to Cardiff that day to donate his time to the event, was firmly told that the lunch-time sandwiches were 'only for the players'.

We've all been to genuinely 'world-class' bridge events, and we know what they look like and how they are run. For whatever reason, the Buffett Cup does not yet fall into that category.

Ray Lee, Toronto

I am distressed to hear this. Louisville was the polar opposite, with great hospitality and food, including wonderful wine, courtesy of Roy Welland. The signage issue was, however, similar. It is difficult, at this remove, to remember that bridge was once front-page news and professional golf was a non-

factor (there was no professional tour and pros needed a 'day' job as well). Imagine the Open Championship at its inception – a handful of players, no spectators, the winner receiving a belt. The best job of signage I have ever seen was at the 1995 World Junior Team Championships in Bali, where evidence was everywhere that the event was underway. All the way from the airport in Denpasar to Kuta Beach (50 km away?), there were banners at the roadside. Similarly when we went touring the island. Let us hope that Chicago will continue Louisville's trend in hospitality and that the organisers will step up with publicity.



Address to IBPA Members by Anna-Maria Torlontano

At the IBPA meeting in Philadelphia, Anna-Maria Torlontano, Chairman of the WBF Women's Committee, addressed all the journalists attending the meeting, asking for their collaboration. This request is repeated to all of you with her words here:

"As you know, the Women's Committee works very hard above all for the promotion of Women's Bridge worldwide. It works to increase the number of players and to stimulate them to participate in our major events.

We decided to organize a "Women's Bridge Festival" in each WBF Zone, extended to women players from all over the world. Now, Esther Sophonpanich, President of Zone 6, together with the Women's Committee has organized for next year a "Zonal Festival" in Zone 6 in Bangkok, Thailand in January 2011.

It is for this Festival that I strongly request your collaboration. Please be kind enough to publicize this event in any way you can. I am sure that you will agree with me that it could be a big promotion, above all for the medium-ranked players. Detailed information about this Festival can be found at www.ecats-bridge.com or by emailing anna@ecats.co.uk for a brochure."

NEWS & VIEWS



Aubry Is EBL President

Yves Aubry of France has been elected President of the European Bridge League by acclamation. The election took place at the EBL General Assembly which convened in Ostend on 27 June 2010. Aubry takes over from Gianarrigo Rona, who retired in Ostend after 11 years in office. Rona will be the new President of the World Bridge Federation and is to assume his duties in October 2010.

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Anna Gudge reports that she has put links to the 2011 World Teams Championships, the Women's Bridge Festival in Thailand and the Online University Championship on her website so that you can download the information easily. If you go to www.ecatsbridge.com you will see the links there on the front page.

B.J. O'Brien

Seamus Dowling wonders if B.J. O'Brien of the Republic of Ireland is the first organ transplant patient to represent his country in any sport. O'Brien had both kidneys removed in 2007 and was in constant dialysis until March 2010, when he received a new kidney. He competed for Ireland in the 2010 European Team Championships in Ostend in June 2010. It was O'Brien who first conceived the idea of a Europe v. USA bridge match, along the lines of the Ryder Cup of golf.

2nd Online University Cup

Following last year's successful first edition, students from all over the world are preparing for the 2nd University Cup competition, which is to start in January 2011. Teams consisting of students and pupils 17-28 years old from the same country will be involved in knockout matches, played each month online.

Women's Festival

Thailand is to host the 2011 World Women's Festival which will be held in Bangkok's Montien Hotel, January 22-27. At the peak of Thailand's tourist season, women players are invited to participate in a rich program of bridge, sightseeing and holidays. Husbands, family and friends are also welcome in the side events.

Léon Tintner

Fritz Babsch informs us that Léon Tintner, born in Austria, celebrated his 100th birthday recently in Cannes, France.

9th European Champions' Cup - Izmir, Turkey

The 9th European Champions' Cup will be held in Izmir, Turkey, 11-14 November, 2010. This is the annual competition between the national team champions of the strongest European nations, as determined by the final classification of the most recent European Team Championships. For this year's event, the qualified countries are Bulgaria, Germany, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Russia, The Netherlands, Poland, Sweden and Turkey. Italy and Turkey will be fielding two teams each: Italy because they are also the defending champions, and Turkey because they are the host country.

BBO Match Analyses

Per Jannersten reports that anyone who wants double dummy analyses of, or to duplicate, edit, print or (re)play hands shown on BBO Vugraph can ask our youngest member, anna@jannersten.com, for a complimentary software package.

X^o Cuban International Festival

Havana and Varadero will host the 26th CACBF Championships from May 20-28, 2011 in conjunction with the 10th Cuban International Festival of Bridge. See www.festivalbridgecuba.com for details.

Scotland Claim Commonwealth Championship

In the recent Commonwealth Games Bridge Championships in New Delhi, Scotland, represented by Derek Diamond, A.H. Duncan, Irving Gordon, John Murdoch, Derek Sanders and Brian Spears won the gold medal, with Australia (Arjuna Delivera, Peter Gill, Paul Gosney, Sartaj Hans, Tony Nunn, Ian Robinson) winning silver and India (Keyzad Anklesaria, Hemant K. Jalan, Ashish Malhotra, Anal Shah, Jyotindra M. Shah, K.R. Venkatrman) bronze.

2010 IBPA Awards Summary



THE RICHARD FREEMAN JUNIOR DEAL OF THE YEAR

Winner: Carole Puillet (FRA); Journalist: Brian Senior (ENG) 547.12

Shortlist: Piotr Wiankowski (POL); Journalist: Christer Andersson (SWE) 538.10
Pavla Hoderova (POL); Journalist: Mark Horton (ENG) 538.10
Jamilla Spangenberg (NED); Journalist: Jos Jacobs (NED) 540.4
Tobias Polak (NED); Journalist: Kees Tammens (NED) 547.12

THE GEORGE RETEK BEST BID HAND OF THE YEAR

Winner: Debbie Rosenberg-JoAnna Stansby (USA); Journalist: Brent Manley (USA) 548.10

Shortlist: Marek Pietraszek-Tomasz Ukrainski (POL); Journalist: John Carruthers (CAN) 538.6
Wang Hongli-Sun Ming (CHN); Journalist: Fu Qiang (CHN) 540.6
Marion Cannone-Godefroy de Tessières (FRA); Journalist: Philippe Cronier (FRA) 544.6
Carl King-Francesco Persivale (PER); Journalist: John Carruthers (CAN) 544.12

THE ROSE CLIFF DECLARER PLAY OF THE YEAR

Winner: Michael Courtney (AUS); Journalist: Ron Klinger (AUS) 539.3

Shortlist: Yury Khiouppenen (RUS); Journalist: Patrick Jourdain (WAL) 537.5
Patrick Jourdain (WAL); Journalist: Michelle Brunner (ENG) 542.11
Du Bing (CHN); Journalist: Fu Qiang (CHN) 545.7
Steve Garner (USA); Journalist: Barry Rigal (USA) 547.14

THE GIDWANI FAMILY TRUST DEFENCE OF THE YEAR

Winner: Hasan Askari (PAK); Journalist: Phillip Alder (USA) 537.4

Shortlist: Gunnar Hallberg (ENG); Journalist: Phillip Alder (USA) 537.3
Peter Boyd (USA); Journalist: Brent Manley (USA) 537.14
Grzegorz Narkiewicz (POL); Journalist: John Carruthers (CAN) 538.5
Nikolai Demirev (USA); Journalist: Mark Horton (ENG) 540.11
Gordon Campbell/Piotr Klimowicz (CAN); Journalist: Ray Lee (CAN) 546.12

THE ALAN TRUSCOTT MEMORIAL AWARD

Winner: Louis Sachar (USA) for "The Cardturner"

THE IBPA PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR

Winner: Thomas Bessis (FRA)

THE MASTER POINT PRESS IBPA BOOK OF THE YEAR

Winner: Krzysztof Martens (POL) for "Owl, Fox and Spider"

Shortlist: Larry Cohen (USA): *My Favorite 52*
Raman Jayaram (IND) & Ghassan Ghanem (JOR): *Romance at Bridge*
Mike Lawrence (USA): *The Complete Book on Overcalls*
Clyde E. Love (USA): *Bridge Squeezes Complete*
Jeff Rubens (USA): *Expert Bridge Simplified - Arithmetic Shortcuts for Declarer*